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1. INDOCHINA

US SOURCES IN VIENTIANE SAY SEIZURE OF FACILITIES BY
LEFTIST STUDENTS COULD RESULT IN EMBASSY SHUTDOWN
(UPI, NYDN). ONLY EMBASSY, PRIVATE US RESIDENCES
REMAIN FREE OF CONTROL BY DEMONSTRATORS, PL;
OFFICIAL EFFORT SEEK RETURN 5 US FACILITIES PROVED
FRUITLESS. LAOTIAN GOVT CONTINUES INSIST WISHES
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RELATIONS, US AID CONTINUE (AP, SUN). ONLY 22
OFFICIAL AMERICANS REMAIN LAOS (WP; AP, SUN).

SOUVANNA REASSERTS LAOTIAN GOVT WILL REMAIN COALITION,

DENIES "NEWSWEEK" REPORT HE WOULD HAND OVER ALL POWERS TO SOUPHANOUVONG (WP).

NT'S KAMM IN VIENTIANE REPORTS AMERICANS AREN'T ONLY ONES UNSURE THEY WANT TO STAY IN LAOS, SINCE MANY LAOTIANS HAVE SAME WORRY AND KEEP EYE ON WHAT FUTURE MIGHT HOLD. SOME LEAVE EVERY DAY FOR THAILAND ACROSS MEKONG, LEGALLY OR OTHERWISE, WITH EXODUS SEEMINGLY TOLERATED BY PL. REFUGEES CONSIDER THAILAND TEMPORARY

STOPOVER EN ROUTE EUR, ESPECIALLY FRANCE, OR US. ACCORDING ONE ESTIMATE, ABOUT 100,000 HAVE LEFT SINCE APR 30. EARLY LEAVERS WERE THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH US OR ANTI-COMMUNIST SIDE WHO FEAR REPRISALS, CHINESE, VIET MINORITIES; THOSE NOW FLEEING ARE EDUCATED PEOPLE, SMALL TRADESMEN. PL MEANWHILE ATTEMPTS "PURIFICATION" OF NATL LIFE, CLOSED MORE RAUCOUS NIGHTSPOTS, BANNED GAMBLING, PROSTITUTION, W DANCING. KAMM OPINES CONTINUED PRESENCE SOUVANNA IS CALMING FACTOR, AND WHETHER US EMBASSY STAYS OR LEAVES IS ANOTHER INDEX BEING WATCHED. POINTS OUT PHOUMI REFUSED SEE US CHARGE ABOUT FACILITIES OCCUPATION PROBLEM BECAUSE "TOO TIRED" FROM RECENT TRIP (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SECURITY FORCES ARRESTED OVER 40 PERSONS IN BIEN HOA PROV, INCLUDING EX-OFFICERS OF THIEU REGIME, ALSO SEIZED WEAPONS, AMMO ACCORDING SAIGON RADIO, WITH THOSE WHO RESISTED "PUNISHED ON THE SPOT"; NO FURTHER DETAILS GIVEN. PRG OFFICIALS SAY ELECTIONS HELD SOON AT LOCAL LEVEL, ANNOUNCE DISMISSAL CORRUPT OFFICIALS. OFFICIAL RADIO INDICATES SVN LINING UP WITH NVN,USSR IN PRAISING PM GHANDI'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN INDIA, IN OPPOSITION PRC STANCE. NVN MFA SAYS HANOI, LISBON ESTABLISH DIP RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL (WP).

ABOUT 50 AMCITS STILL REMAIN SVN; MOST SHOULD BE FLYING OUT ONCE TRANSPORT, BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS UNCLASSIFIED

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IRONED OUT. SAIGON RADIO SAYS CITIZENS HOLDINGS MEETINGS TO FERRET OUT HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS, OTHER "HENCHMEN" OF FORMER REGIME WHO HAD NOT REGISTERED; ADDS GOVT SUMMONED WRITERS, AUTHORS TO MEETING THAT ENDED JUNE 28 TO REVIEW "DAMAGE" DONE BY US "IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS" (AP, SUN).

POSSIBLY THOUSANDS CITY-DWELLERS DIED ON ROADS SINCE KR ORDERED THEM OUT OF PP. MANY KHMERS FLEE COUNTRY FOR RELATIVE SAFETY, PROSPERITY OF SVN. REFUGEES IN SVN INDICATED MOST CHINESE, VIET RESIDENTS OF CAMBODIA HEADING FOR SAIGON GOVT SO FAR ACCEPTS REFUGEE PRESENCE WITHOUT COMMENT. RADIO PP INDICATES SOME

RESIDENTS TO CAPITAL, BUT OTHER SOURCES SAY ONLY KR, FOLLOWERS ALLOWED IN (UPI, WP).

SOLZHENITSSEN ADDRESSED AFL-CIO IN WASHINGTON, PRAISED US WAR EFFORT IN VN (MILLS, SUN), SPOKE SCORNFULLY OF SECSTATE FOR DEAL WITH NVN THAT WAS "TRAGIC" DELIVERANCE OF S VIETS TO COMMUNISTS (CAHILL, NYDN).

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

SUN OPINES REFUGEES SHOULD BE WELCOMED BY COMMUNITIES BUT MORE FUNDS SHOULD COME FROM CONGRESS IF REQUIRED, AND MORE HELP FROM SOME PRIVATE SOURCES. SUN'S JAY SEES REFUGEE SITUATION AS MESS, BUT BELIEVES NEED NOT BE SO IF WITH LOCAL SUPPORT AND IF REFUGEES START AT BOTTOM ON WAY TO BETTER LIFE. FEWER THAN 150 OF 60,000 SCREENED SO FAR FAILED PASS SECURITY CHECK (GAILEY, PHINQ). CLASSES IN ENGLISH, ECON SURVIVAL RUN BY COUNTY START AT PENDLETON (AP, NYDN). SCHMETTERER (NYDN) TELLS OF AMCIT WITH VIET WIFE WHO OPENED HOME TO 19 IN-LAWS. CHITRIB HAS LARGE PHOTO-FEATURE SHOWING THAT AMERICANIZATION PROCESS AT INDIANTOWN GAP CAN BE FUN.

3. CHINA

JOINT PRC-THAILAND COMMUNIQUE ESTABLISHING FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS MADE PUBLIC, WITH EACH COUNTRY UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREEING RESPECT INTERNAL AFFAIRS, SOVEREIGNTY OF OTHER AND WORK FOR DEVELOPMENT TRADE, PLUS CULTURAL, ECONOMIC EXCHANGES. TAIWAN IMMEDIATELY BREAKS TIES WITH THAILAND, THOUGH TRADE BETWEEN THEM EXPECTED CONTINUE NORMALLY. PRESS CITES SINGAPORE, INDONESIA ONLY ASEAN MEMBERS NOT HAVING FORMAL RELATIONS WITH PRC (ANDELMAN, NYT; AP, SUN; WP; IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SEMIOFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY NOVOSTI ACCUSES PRC ENCOURAGING EMERGENCE PRO-PEKING "FOURTH REICH" IN GERMANY, SUPPORTING "ALL THOSE WHO COULD POISON THE EUROPEAN CLIMATE." STATES PRC LEADERSHIP ATTEMPTING THREATEN THOSE EUROPEANS WHO REFUSE SUBMIT TO "MAOIST EXPANSIONISTS" (REUTER; WP).

TAIWAN SHIPBUILDING CO PLANS BUILD 300,000 GROSS TONS SHIPS; REPAIR SHIPS AGGREGATING 2 MIL GROSS TONS IN FY 1976. FIRM ALSO EXPECTS EXPAND SHIPYARD CAPACITY FOR PRODUCTION SHIPS WHICH WIDENED SUEZ CANAL ABLE ACCOMMODATE (JOC).

4. JAPAN

SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO SAYS OPPOSITION PUSHES PICKETS, WALKS OUT TO BAR PASSAGE OF KEY BILLS IN LAST THREE DAYS OF DIET SESSION. CONSIDERS PROSPECTS FOR PM MIKI LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE POOR. LDP MAJORITIES VOTE DOWN NON-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS AGAINST MIKI BY JCP IN BOTH

HOUSES. NOTES UNUSUAL SWITCH AS KOMEITO SIDES WITH JCP, AND JSP WITH LDP.

LAT'S JAMESON IN TOKYO CITES MITSUBISHI RESEARCH INSTITUTE REVISION OF EARLIER FORECAST FOR 4.7 PERCENT REAL GNP GROWTH IN JFY 75 -- NOW SEES ONLY .6 PERCENT GROWTH BECAUSE GOJ ECONOMIC POLICY "WOULD NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT STIMULATION TO LIFT THE JAPANESE ECONOMY OUT OF ITS PLIGHT." MITSUBISHI URGES GOJ LOWER DISCOUNT RATE TO 6 PERCENT, BEGIN BRIDGE, HIGHWAY, RAIL CONSTRUCTION, FINANCE MORE HOUSING AND ISSUE BONDS TO COVER BUDGETARY DEFICIT.
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ZAKARIASEN (NYDN) INTERVIEWS RADIANT YOUNG SOPRANO ATSUKO AZUMA, WHO WILL APPEAR AS SOLOIST WITH NAUMBURG SYMPHONY IN INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT AT CENTRAL PARK MALL.

MCKELWAY (WSTAR 7/1) NOTES BUTZ ON TOUR CALIFORNIA LEMON GROVES SAYS JAPAN'S REFUSAL ACCEPT CITRUS FRUIT SPRAYED WITH FUNGICIDE NORMALLY USED IN US COULD COST GROWERS OVER 50 MIL DOLLARS PER YEAR IN EXPORT SALES. IN APRIL JAPAN REJECTED 250,000 CARTONS US-GROWN CITRUS SPRAYED WITH CONTROVERSIAL FUNGICIDE.

5. KOREA

MAJ HENDERSON FLOWN TO WALTER REED FOR TREATMENT OF FRACTURED LARYNX SUFFERED WHEN PUNCHED, KICKED BY NKOREANS AT PANMUNJOM TRUCE COMPOUND MONDAY. DOS SPOKESMAN SAID TUESDAY US "VERY SERIOUSLY CONCERNED" ABOUT INJURY, HAS INSTRUCTED UNC LODGE STRONG PROTEST (WP).

USDA TUESDAY ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT SUPPLY ROK 57,000 TONS FOOD FOR PEACE RICE WORTH 18.2 MIL DOLLARS THROUGH DEC 31 (AP, PHINQ).

6. MALAYSIA

MALAYSIAN SECURITY FORCES CONCERN OVER MUSLIM RIOTS SHOULD ALI HAVE LOST IN HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT THERE, CAUSED GOVT CANCEL ALL POLICE, ARMY LEAVES DURING ALI VISIT. LUIS TABUENA, DIRECTOR GOP'S SPORTS AND AMUSEMENT

BOARD, PRESENT AT NEWS CONFERENCE PROMOTING ALI-FRAZIER FIGHT, INDICATING PHILS' INTEREST IN MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SPECTACLE. ALI SHOWN UNAWARE MANILA POPULATION OVERWHELMINGLY RC, AND NO ONE MENTIONED GOP NOW ENGAGED IN CIVIL WAR SUPPRESSING MUSLIM RECESSIONISTS IN SOUTH (AP, PHINQ; GREENWAY, WP).

7. AUSTRALIA

DEPUTY PM CAIRNS UNDER PRESSURE FROM PM WHITLAM
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TO RESIGN FOLLOWING LOAN SCANDAL ACCUSATIONS CAIRNS DELIBERATELY MISLED PARLIAMENT IN DEALINGS WITH MELBOURNE BROKERAGE HOUSE. ALLEGATIONS, IF SUBSTANTIATED, WOULD PRODUCE MAJOR POLITICAL CRISIS POSSIBLY CAUSING FALL WHITLAM GOVT (SWEENEY, WP).

AUSTRALIA TO CONTINUE QUANTITATIVE TIN EXPORT CONTROLS, SUPPORTING INTL TIN COUNCIL EFFORT STABILIZE WORLD PRICES AT "FAIR AND REMUNERATIVE LEVELS" (JOC).

GOA RECEIVES REQUEST FROM TEXTILE INDUSTRY TO IMPOSE QUOTAS ON CHINESE IMPORTS, AFTER PEKING OFFICIALS REFUSED EXERCISE VOLUNTARY CONSTRAINTS. INDUSTRY REPORTEDLY SUFFERING MORE THAN IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY, FEARS FURTHER CLOSURES AND PRODUCTION DECREASES IF QUOTAS, TARIFF RESTRICTIONS NOT RIGIDLY IMPOSED (JOC).

JAPAN TO RESUME AUSTRALIAN BEEF IMPORT, ENDING DOWNWARD TREND OF PAST YEAR. ESTIMATES SAY JAPAN WILL REQUIRE NEARLY 200,000 TONS PER YR (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

MOORE (LAT 6/29) INTERVIEWS US AUTHORITY ON EARLY CHILD EDUCATION, RECENTLY BACK FROM PRC VISIT. EDUCATOR IMPRESSED WITH EXTENSIVE TEACHING CHINESE CULTURE, EMPHASIS ON SOCIALIZATION. NOTES "EQUALIZING" IMPORTANT -- REWARDS, GRADES, PASS/FAIL SYSTEMS ABOLISHED DURING 1960'S CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

9. KOREA

CHITRIB PRINTS NEWSWEEK INTL SVC ARTICLE ON KIM IL-SUNG CULT OF PERSONALITY "THAT EVEN STALIN WOULD HAVE ENVIED." QUOTES WESTERN DIPLOMAT THAT "COMPARED WITH NORTH KOREA EVEN CHINA IS A PERMISSIVE SOCIETY." DESPITE IMPRESSIVE POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION NOTES PER CAPITA GNP ONLY 300 DOLS IN DPRK, COMPARED TO 500 DOLS IN ROK. FINDS CRUCIAL FLAW IN SCENARIO TO TRANSFORM KIM INTO

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HO CHI MINH OF KOREA AND PARK INTO KOREAN NGUYEN VAN THIEU
-- INSTEAD OF HEADING POPULAR NATIONALIST MOVEMENT
KIM SERVED SOVIET ARMY DURING WWII, AND KREMLIN MADE
HIM HEAD OF NEWLY PARTITIONED STATE, NOT KOREAN PEOPLE.

TERHORST (CHITRIB) NOTES "NATIONAL SECURITY GAP" BETWEEN
ADMIN AND PEOPLE "BIG ENOUGH TO LOSE SOUTH KOREA AND
MUCH MORE." WHILE PRES, SECSTATE, SECDEF ASSERT US WOULD
HONOR DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO ROK IN CASE OF ATTACK BY
NK, RECENT CHICAGO CFR POLL SHOWS PEOPLE AMAZINGLY
DISINTERESTED IN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN CONFLICTS
INVOLVING FRIENDLY NATIONS -- ONLY 14 PERCENT WOULD
APPROVE, 65 PERCENT OPPOSE US MILITARY INTERVENTION IN
KOREA.

10. PHILIPPINES

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) REPORT MARCOS OFFERED FORMER
PRESS CENSOR 50,000 DOL BRIBE NOT TESTIFY ON HILL ABOUT
CORRUPTION, TYRANNY IN PHILS. WITNESS WENT AHEAD
WITH TESTIMONY, ALSO INFORMED HOUSE COMM CHRMN OF
BRIBE ATTEMPT, WHICH JUSTICE DEPT NOW INVESTIGATING.
AUTHORS SAY TESTIMONY SUBSTANTIATED BY "COMPETENT
SOURCES."

WP'S SHIRLEY POVICH SAYS ALI-FRAZIER MANILA FIGHT
HAS MARCOS' FULL ENDORSEMENT "WITHOUT WHOSE FAVOR
IT COULDN'T BE STAGED." BELIEVES BOUT WILL SPOTLIGHT
MANILA FOR FEW WEEKS, "AFTER WHICH THE PHILS WILL HAVE
TO THINK UP SOMETHING NEW, LIKE ANOTHER REVOLT,
TO MATCH THE ATTENTION ALI WILL COMMAND FOR THOSE
ISLANDS."

11. MALAYSIA

EVANS/NOVAK CLAIM MALAYSIA-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAVE
"GREATLY INCREASED-- NOT INHIBITED--PEKING-ORIENTED
INSURGENCY." STATE THIS SUGGESTS DOMINO THEORY TRUTH
AND LIMITS NEUTRALIST DIPLOMACY AS COMMUNISM DETERRENT,
SHOWING "FUTILITY SEEKING INTERNAL SECURITY THROUGH
FRIENDSHIP WITH PEKING." (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).
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12. THAILAND

WP'S PALLING IN BANGKOK SEES RTG FOLLOWING POLICY OF
"BENDING WITH THE WIND." ANTICIPATES DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
RELATING TO CHANGE WILL INVOLVE LARGE ETHNIC CHINESE

COMMUNITY THAT GENERALLY SUPPORTS TAIWAN; EXPANDING
TRADE WITH TAIWAN; ESTIMATED 6000 SOLDIERS, REMNANTS
CHINAT ARMY, WHO HOLD POWER IN TRI-BORDER AREA.
INTL EFFECTS CONCERN ASEAN; PRC TACIT SUPPORT
FOR THAI COMMUNIST MOVEMENT; USSR'S GROWING ROLE
IN SEA; AND US MIL PRESENCE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

13. SEATO

LAT'S LESLIE (6/29) AT BANGKOK FINDS SEATO ALIVE,
WELL, LIVING QUIETLY BUT WITH DIMINISHED ASPIRATIONS
AND TIGHT BUDGET. BELIEVES ORGANIZATION NO LONGER
PRIMARILY MIL, NOW STRESSES ECON DEV PORJECTS IN THAILAND,
PHILS JUSTIFIED ON BASIS OF CONTAINING INSURGENCY.
SEATO DOWNPLAYING MAY BE PARTLY DUE AUSTRALIA'S WHITLAM
WHO TURNED GOA FOREIGN POLICY TO LEFT. SOME BELIEVE
PRC NOW WELCOMES SEATO'S PRESENCE IN REGION AS
COUNTERBALANCE TO USSR; OTHERS THINK CHINA SEES
ORGANIZATION ONLY AS "PAPER TIGER," IGNORES IT. CONCERN
EXISTS THAT SEATO MAY HAVE OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS,
ESPECIALLY SINCE TREATY'S WEAKNESSES EXPOSED IN INDOCHINA
WAR. OPINES THAT GIVEN LIMITATIONS, ORGANIZATION
EXISTS PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF INERTIA, BUT ECON PROJECTS
APPEAR GET IMPRESSIVE MILEAGE OUT OF RESTRICTED FUNDS.

14. GENERAL

HART (BOST H-A 6/28) RECOUNTS WARNING, HISTORICAL
ANALYSIS BY SOLZHENITSSEN THAT HE THINKS NOT EASILY
DISMISSED: RUSSIAN WARNED WWII ALREADY LOST BY
FREE WORLD, WITH LOSS OF CHINA, NK, CUBA, NVN, SVN,
CAMBODIA; IMMINENT LOSS LAOS; THAILAND, SK, ISRAEL
IN DANGER; ADDED NO ONE HAS RIGHT DEMAND WEST DEFEND
MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, FORMOSA, PHILS, BUT YOUTH
WHO REFUSED FIGHT IN VN WILL FALL IN DEFENSE OF US.
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